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Message:

Dear Dick,

This is a follow up to my October 2002 Fax to you regarding unexpected PCB contamination encountered at the Former Bossert Manufacturing site in Utica, New York. We have been in discussion with Jim Daloia regarding the possibility of EPA participating in the cost of cleanup of remaining PCB contaminated debris. Attached is additional information which shows certain areas of demolition debris ranging 800 ppm to 10,000 ppm PCBs.

Attached for your information are the following:

- Schematic layout of the original Bossert site and identified numbered areas (figure 1).
- Schematic of the current Bossert site showing the interim locations of the debris piles with reference to the building areas (figure 2).
- Latest schematic of the site showing the debris piles and sampling locations.
- Table of sample results from all the debris piles (uncrushed debris, crushed debris, surface soil, wood timbers).
- Laboratory PCB analysis of the higher concentrations in debris pile #1, the wood timbers and the concrete slab area.

Debris pile #1 (500 CY) has been shown to have hazardous PCB levels of 180 ppm (see attached Table 1). One in-place concrete slab area was found to contain an undetermined quantity of concrete/soil with 10,000 ppm PCBs concentration. Thirty to forty wooden timbers have been found to contain up to 800 ppm PCBs. There are numerous large piles of demolition debris covering much of the 7 acre site, some hazardous and some non-hazardous. While the site is fenced, trespass is not totally precluded. All the demolition debris greater than 10 ppm PCB will have to be removed from the Bossert Site.

This site has had a considerable amount of public interest over the past months focusing on the

concerns of PCB contamination in this mainly residential community. Two Fact Sheets have been sent to the public (November 2002, December 2002) and a public meeting was held in January 2003 to explain the PCB problem and the related sampling that has occurred. The demolition debris piles at the site are currently covered by snow (three are tarped) but in the spring this will change and the public's concern over the potential PCB contaminated dust and runoff will again be in the forefront, as it was in the Fall of 2002. It is very important that the removal of the contaminated debris begin as soon as possible in the Spring of 2003.

NYSDEC encourages the USEPA to participate in this clean up of the Bossert site. We are prepared to send a Request for Removal Action letter to Director George Pavlov if, in your opinion, there is sufficient levels of PCB contamination to warrant such a letter. I will call you in a few days to discuss the attached data.

Dave Smith